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#### IT MUST CUT BOTH WAYS.

THE railroad unions, having called off the strike, are in excellent position. Whether the leaders so intended or not, the net result has been to magnify the authority of the Railroad Labor Board.

President Harding has put his prestige behind the board. He rallied public opinion in support of the decision of the board. And, after a period of bluster, the men accepted.

Now it is most decidedly up to President Harding to play fair and make the sword of the Labor Board cut both ways.

Previous to the strike call by the union chiefs several railroads had defied the Labor Board. The Pennsylvania was the most notable example. Just how the President will go about it to centre public opinion on the Pennsylvania remains to be seen. That is his problem-and his obligation.

It is also the obligation of the public to keep an open mind, ready to react to any feasible scheme for putting the screws on recalcitrant railroads.

For the public, this is a matter of simple selfprotection. Unless the President can devise means of driving the Pennsylvania into line, the strike will be delayed, but it will come.

Unless the railroads obey the Labor Board, publie opinion is bound to be against them in the next strike.

The telephone rate in Buffalo has been cut. Now it is time for the New York telephone company to renew the application for higher rates here to cover the weaker sisters up-State.

#### ALLAY PANIC WITH FACTS.

N the course of the week two subway trains have met with accidents which resulted in panic among the passengers. In both accidents fuses blew out, flames were seen and the smoke from burning insulation frightened the riders.

No one was seriously injured by fire or smoke. Injuries resulted from panicky crowding and pushing, from nervous strain and from kicking and punching the windows and doors.

Subway riders are perturbed. They are asking each other if it is possible that any part of a subway car could burn with passengers inside. They are wondering what to do in case they are caught. They don't know whether it is better to stay in the car or take to the tracks.

To prevent panic these questions must be answered. Municipal authorities ought to start an investigation of these two accidents. The public ought to have an authoritative statement in regard to the degree of inflammability of all cars used in

If a subway car cannot burn under any circumstances, it is obviously safer to stay than to get out. Assurance on this point might save many from death or serious injury in case of another accident.

And while the investigators are about it, it would be well for them to find out whether it is not possible to use insulation which makes a less offensive and stifling smoke in case it burns.

These questions should be answered, and answered soon. 'The public ought to know. It will be uneasy and subject to the panic impulse until It does know.

That Chicago professor who says it is necessary to go to Africa or Korea to find beautiful girls had better be on his way.

## DEMOCRATS NEED NOT WORRY.

R EPUBLICANS expect to make a vigorous drive to break the "Solid South." Whether it proves effective or not, President Harding's Birmingham speech was the opening gun of the campaign.

Professional and political "Southern Democrats" will resent such an effort. They have long believed themselves to have a "vested interest" in politics south of the Mason and Dixon Line.

Democrats who do not make a business of politics need not feel alarmed. A break in the Solid South-the bigger the better-would be of more benefit to the Democratic Parly than to the Republicans-eventually, if not in 1924.

Since 1896 the Democratic Party has been the party of ideals and progress. The Bourbonism of the South has been a hindrance rather than a help. When the Democratic Party has succeeded, it has succeeded because its ideals appealed to forwardtooking men and women of the North and West. These have as little use for Bourbonism as for Old Guardism.

The Solid South has been a drag.

The Republican Party is disintegrating. 16 1 riding for another split such as it suffered in 1912. A Democratic Party freed of Bourbonism could and would attract the progressive element of the G. O. P.

The Solid South has been the barrier to a more general movement into the Democratic Party of all those who oppose the Old Guard. Freed of this

incubus, the party could carry on the programme which won in 1912 and 1916. All the new voters, and many of the old, would flock to the banner of a New Democracy freed of Bourbonism.

The best element in the Democratic Party will wish the Republicans well in their efforts. If they can join the Bourbons of the South to the Old Guard, the country will be well able to take care of such a combination.

#### DON'T ASK TO SEE 'EM!

THREE days ago The Evening World invited Mayor Hylan to state his transit plan, promising him for such a statement all the space and prominence he might desire.

The Mayor has not chosen do reveal his transit plan to The Evening World.

Neither has he revealed it to citizens of New York, whose votes he is asking on the bluff that he has a transit plan.

\* Every day is adding to the number of voters ready to call that bluff.

Hylan wants to be 5-cent fare champion.

What's his claim? What has he got to back it up with? Where are the goods?

Thousands of people in New York City are now paying fares amounting to 10 and 15 cents on trips that only cost them a nickel before Hylan was

Is that his claim to be 5-cent fare champion?

If nobody but Hylan had done anything to help the transit situation, if his incompetence and inac-, tion had not compelled State interference, every traction line in New York would have gone into the hands of a receiver, the systems would have split into more pieces, the elevated would now be charging 10-cent fares under its franchise and transfers would be a memory.

Is that his claim to be 5-cent fare champion?

In the first year of his term as Mayor, when he didn't need votes, Hylan flirted with President Shorts of the Interborough on the higher fare proposition, and got Hearst's lawyer, MacFarland, to show how it was done in Boston, where the people now pay 10-cent fares.

Is that his claim to be 5-cent fare champion? Now, when he does need votes, Hylan is shout-

ing "5-cent fares" until he is red in the face, without a particle of meaning or the vestige of a pro-

If he were to be re-elected Mayor, the Transit Commission plan would go over him like a steam roller. He hasn't one constructive proposal or suggestion to offer. Nobody would pay any attention to him.

He would be only a funny little figure waving his arms and screaming about "interests" that would ask nothing better than always to have a Mayor of his size to deal with, or about "courts" whose first duty would be to uphold the State in straightening out a fraction tangle that he has made

Is that his claim to be 5-cent tare champion?

It irritates the Mayor to be asked to state his transit plan because he hasn't got a transit plan. If you want him you've got to take him on faith.

Applaud him when he says he's got the goods, but don't ask to see 'em.

President Harding saying "Never a selfish America," suggests the morning after with its "Never Again." It must have given him a headache to read the Germany treaty.

### MOLLY G.'S DREAM.

LETTER from Molly G. printed on this page A vesterday probably emused and interested many readers. Certainly it was a change from discussions of Hylanism, Disarmament, Political Corruption, the Irish and other weighty questions.

Perhaps that isn't the fair way to put it. Molly G. stated that by Christmas she expects to have saved \$300. It has taken her three years to do this. She intends to spend that \$300 for a fur coat and she asks advice as to what kind of furs she ought to buy for that sum. For Molly G, that is the weightiest question that exists.

It has been "the dream of her life" to possess a handsome fur coat, and she "does not want to make a mistake."

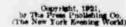
It will be easy enough to advise Molly that she ought not to spend that money for a fur coat, that some other investment would be better. But unless we read the letter wrong, such advice will be

After all, the "dream of a life" is a pretty important thing, so we are only hoping that Molly will not be disappointed in the coat she buys and that it will repay her for all the sacrifices she has made in saving the \$300.

A big week for-beer.

66 THE day is downing when preparations for war must cease, for the world can no longer endure the strain of competing armaments." - Goe. Baxter of Maine.

# Decoys!



# By John Cassel



# From Evening World Readers

What kind of a letter do you find most readable? Isn't it the one that dives the worth of a thousand words in a couple of hundred? There is fine mental exercise and a lot of satisfaction in trying to say much in few words. Take time to be brief.

Amendment No. 5.

To the Eatler of The Freater World:

At the forthcoming election the voters of New York will decide, among other important matters, whether or not there shall be a constitutional agentiques to cive it. In.

domestic troubles are thrown about on your intimates will have a notice-from court to court because of the lack of equity jurisdiction of the Now, regarding Amendment No. I, family courts, and in each court the

Sessions must be invoked. It has there- But I would not ask for myself or of this proposal.

CHIARLES ZUNSER.

Chief Counsel, National Descrition

Bureau.

By the voters state my own views clearly, for what ever value or interest they may hole for your readers.

Bronx, Oct. 28, 1921.

The Value of the Vote. To the Editor of The Evening World:

stitutional amendment to give to the Legislature the authority to confered by the still be sufficiently to confered by the still be sufficiently suf Court.

At the present time families having and Fil wager your influence alone

family courts, and in each court the Judge can see but one angle of the trouble and can never got at the underlying cause of it all. Thus, for instance, a wife who seeks support from her husband in New York must go to a family court; if her husband beats her, that court has no judisdiction. The property of the same thing that has brought so much opposition to this amendment, without tripping up. "Everything else being equal," he says, this would be ideal. Yes, I agree with him. But thate's Court if, as a result of home conditions, their child becomes delinquent, only the Children's Court has no judisdiction. when finally the husband, to evade this obligations, journeys to another with many, that our disabled veterans state, the aid of the Court of General should have unquestioned preference. force, been proposed that the Family Court be given jurisdiction in cases over every one else as long as I am off descrition and non-support, pater physically able to meet the competitive cases all matters arising under tion. I will also agree that where nity cases, all matters arising under acts pertaining to the Juvenile Courts and all matters pertaining to adoption and guardianship. Before the Legislature can confer auch courts, powers upon these courts, however, an amandment to the Constitution must be submitted to the people for approval. Such an amendment is now before the voters, listed as write the book that I could write on "Amendment No. 5." Social workers and others interested in family welfare urge the approval by the voters state my own views clearly, for whatever value or interest they may hold

On the Strike lasues.

To the Editor of The Evening World I had thought, when writing my Recently The Evening World asked letter published in your issue of the editorially what right the railroad en-Recently The Evening World asked ifth, that I had made my letter suf-ficiently long to make myself clear yet sufficiently bylef that even without going more into detail it was long. The Grand Sachems of the Rails such Unfortunately, I find that I was missisfied a question discloses a naive test that is a question discloses a naive test that is a question discloses a naive test that is not ask your indulgence with indeed exquisite. One might just as well ask work the recent demonstration down in the recent demonstration down in Mingo? The answer is that men do not needlessly subject themselves and their dependents to the privations and their dependents are the privations and their dependents gestion I made was directed more pointedly against those who approciate the value of a vote, yet stubbornly and blindly refuse to exercise the greatest privilege extended a citizen of any country. And the who are nursing solfish personal grievances realize that the surest and quickest way to remove the unpleasantness he refers to, is through the ballot, the sconer the ideal status I touched upon will be realized as nearly as any ideal situation is attainable.

But, to be fair, I will suppose that my point is wrong Is it not true that, my point is wrong Is it not true that, and the sures and office without having first every action finity contradicts the windy word.

Is it any wonder that men threaten to strike when they see the One Big Union of financial prestidigitateurs were permitted to raises their rates. Why, then, cannot the game principle work and the matter of wage traductions? Why not reduce rates before wages? Why \$500,000,000 to the Great Chams of the Italia and less than nothing to the operatives? Burelands, and there were wages? Burelands are the total and the particular degree of starvation? I suggest that each man fight the last to protect, This will sutomatically within the word windy word.

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# UNCOMMON SENSE

By John Blake (Copyright, 1931, by John Blake,

DON'T GET SOURED.

We receive frequent letters from young men who have soured on the world.

"Why," said one of them recently, "do you continually preach that a man can succeed if he tries? I have tried for five years and never got anything but a poor salary as a bookkeaper."

Says another: You ought not to lead your readers to think that there is equal opportunity in the world. You know that there are many men who never have a fair show."

Another: You make people think it is easy to get along. It isn't. Thousands of men will tell you that they have worked all

their lives and never even got out of debt. We have not said that there was equal opportunity in life, or that it was easy to get along.

We have never said that all men could attain success if worked hard engligh.

We have said repeatedly that men must expect both hard work and much injustice in the world. If they want to get along they must take these things into consideration and get along in spite of them.

The fact remains, however, that most of the men who are in important places to-day have got there through their own unaided efforts. Neither Rockefeller nor Schwab nor Edison nor Ford ever had anybody to help them. They found the world full of injustice. They saw op-

portunities which passed them by go to others unsought. But they became the more determined instead of the more discouraged because of these conditions.

Perhaps three-quarters of the men whose names are widely known throughout Europe and America made them-

It wasn't an easy job. It required more toil than any ready letter writer can imagine. It also required a cheerfulness and determination which

no hard luck could sour. You cannot be a brilliant success as a painter if you

have not an artist's eye, nor as a pianist if you are tone deaf. But pick out a job you can do and you will get along well in it. Thousands of others who have done so are all the proof you need that this is true.

### From the Wise Emulation is not ritalry. Emu-

lation in the child of ambition: rivalry is the unlovable daughter of envy .- Balzac.

It is self-loce and its offspring, self deception, which shut the pates of heaven, and lead mon as if in a delicious dream to hell. -Scriver.

Truth and Adekty are the pillurs of the temple of the world; when these are broken, the fabric falls and crashes all to pieces. -Owen Feltham.

### **TURNING THE PAGES** E. W. Osborn The No. Park Land

DON'T mind writing pooms, For, as everyone has said, Your poems simply Come to You At midnight while in bed; You never have to hunt for rhymes Or thomes or enything-Just think of your wees

scenery And open your mouth and sing!

I don't mind toriting stories For, as everybody knows. You just sit down with pen and ink And the Inspiration Flows: They tell me so at afternoon teas Just feed me on ink and a pad,

And I roll my eyes and produce at once

A story that sells like mad. I don't mind being an author.
For, as anybody will tell, All you do is to Write a Book

And send it along to sell.

The only work about writing-It's a very terrible thingis torapping your stuff and stamping it And tying it up with string!

We might have opened a correspon. ence school on the arts of poetry and

Instead, we just quote Margaret Widdemer, as above, from November Harper's.

#### Faith in the Future. - - -

Says President Butler of Columbia in his "Scholarship and Service" (Scribner), a book of university

The true fact is that faith in the future is the foundation, and pretty much the sole foundation, for all that we do and prepare to do.

Education, for example, is toward a more or less definite end, and that end is always shead of us.

Work is undertaken for some set purpose, and that purpose is always shead of us.

Accumulation is sought for some hoped for use, and that use is always ahead of us.

Faith in the future is the only justification for human activity of any sort whatsoever.

It seems rather a pity, doesn't it.

It seems rather a pity, doesn't st. that Dr. Butler was not in this frame of mind when the League of Nations was offered as bostage for the whole world's future?

### The Scholar's Business. - - -

Words of Louise Imogene Guiney poet, essayist and recluse, as quote n the story of her life (Macmillans)

The main business of the scholar is to live gracefully, without mental passion, and to get off alone into a corner for an affectionate view of

Miss Guiney's idea would be that ilso of the practical man in politics it would take the scholar out

# Severities of Mr. George. . . .

Turned off on various pages of "A London Mosale" (Stokes), by W. L. Women are like cats; they have

Women are like cats; they have no bones and easily suit themselves to bell-mouthed skirts or hobble. If a woman has the wit to shun the becoming, she can always be in fashion, if she dares.

There is no such thing as "good old." There is nothing but "bad old."

Men do not fall, they dive. What is wrong with the drama is that it does not hold an idea to the square act.

Sometimes we wonder if Mr. George would ever be really happy of a were right with the world.

l'ebbles and a Poet's Heart .... In "The Pacts of the Puture," an anthology of college verse (Stratford Press), we find: "The Pool" by Wise Lean L. l'ettig of Hollins College:

My heart was tranquit as a forest pool . Till you came singing down the moon lit way: Flinging your careless words like pebbles

Into its depths.
Deep down they sank—and you went?

gally on,
gally on,
But where they fell
Came little circles ever widening,
Till they encompassed all my hear.

#### Sunshine of the Nineties. ... As a foil to Mr. George's "bad old

cynicism, cited further up this ec-umn, we quote from E. T. Raymond's "Portraits of the Nineties" (Scribner's), an impression of good old times, thus:

The sun chone brighter in those days. The cast wind was less bit-

days. The cast wind was less bitter.

The women were certainly predicted (perhaps) more modest; the steaks were judeer; the landlades were a kindlier race. There was nest and flavor in life lacking to-day. Youth was emancipated from the harsher kind of parental control and had not yet found a stern step father of the state.

The world was all before it where to choose, and the future was welled in a rose-colored mist.

Both the "bad old" and this "good old" author being English—
We perceive instant evidence as to which favors the sunny side of the which favors the English street.

# Gent. Josselyn and the Weed .-- .

We invite our readers to turn with us a single page of a reprinted edition of "An Account of Two Voyages to New England, made during the years 1638 and 1663, by John Josselyn, Gent.," and which was first published in London in 1675. Here We read:

we read:

The Vertues of tobacco are these It helps digestion, the Gout, the Toothacle, prevents infection by scents, it heats the cold, and cools them that sweat, feedeth the hungry spent spirits restoreth, purgeth the stomach, killeth nits and lice; the fulce of the green leaf healeth green wounds, although polsomed; the Syrup for many diseases, the smooth for the Phthysic, cough of the lungs, distillations of rheums, and all diseases of a cold and moist cause good for all bodies cold and moist cause good for all bodies cold and moist taken upon a full stomach it precipitates digestion, immediately taken it dryeth the body, enfametic the blood, hurteth the brain, weakens the eyes and the stnews.

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Having printed which, in defiance of Anti-Nicotine, we hereby chal-longe that blue-ribboned and reform

atory creation to do its worst—or its best—with the ancient text. But always remembering that Jos selyn was a Gent., he himself having